GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1726
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2007
DENIAL OF INFORMATION UNDER RTI ACT
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the information sought under RTI Act is denied under the pretext of Official Secrets Act 1923 (OSA);

(b) if so, whether this amounts to a violation of the provisions of Right to Information Act;

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to give more power under the RTI Act;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Second Administrative Reforms Commission recommended the Government to repeal Official Secrets Act; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a) & (b): No such instance has been brought to the notice of the Government.

(c) & (d): Does not arise.

(e) & (f): The Second Administrative Reforms Commission has recommended that the Official Secrets Act, 1923 may be repealed, and substituted by a chapter in the National Security Act, containing provisions relating to Official secrets. There is no proposal to repeal the Official Secrets Act.